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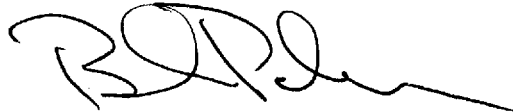
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All of the references are thought to be cumulative of the art of record and/or not prior art to the present invention and are being presented out of an abundance of caution under the obligations of Rule 56. With respect to the Vendrely et al references, these references may have a filing date between the September 2, 1994 filing date of the earliest patent application in the claim of priority of the present application and the June 7, 1995 filing date for which there is at

least support in the specification for the claimed inventions. Even if these references were to be prior art, which is not admitted, it is believed that the teaching of the Vendrely et al references is cumulative of various other currently cited references, including, for example, Bert et al. With respect to the Mains et al reference, this patent was recently identified in an Office Action in a co-pending, later filed case assigned to the assignee of the present application and having at least one common inventor. Again, it is believed that the Mains et al reference is merely cumulative of various other currently cited references, including, for example, Hoffman et al as being directed to an osteotomy procedure.

Respectfully submitted,



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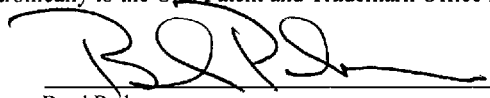
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